BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2004-316-C - ORDER NO. 2005-475

SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

| IN RE: | Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, |) | ORDER GRANTING |
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| | Inc. to Establish Generic Docket to Consider |) | ADMISSION PRO HAC |
| | Amendments to Interconnection Agreements |) | VICE |
| | Resulting from Changes of Law. |) | |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Robert E. Tyson, Jr., Esquire, for Admission of William L. Magness to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Tyson petitions for William L. Magness to appear before the Commission as counsel for Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. (CompSouth) in the hearing for Docket No. 2004-316-C regarding amendments to interconnection agreements resulting from changes of law. A hearing in this matter is presently scheduled for October 17, 2005.

Mr. Magness is a partner in the law firm of Casey, Gentz & Magness, L.L.P. located at 98 San Jacinto Boulevard, Suite 1400, Austin, Texas, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Texas, according to the certificate attached to the application. Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Magness is Robert E. Tyson, Jr. of the law firm of Sowell Gray Stepp & Lafitte, L.L.C. located at 1310 Gadsen Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Additionally, Mr. Magness has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional

Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Magness meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2004-316-C *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. William L. Magness, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Texas, and through Motion of local counsel, William L. Magness has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2004-316-C scheduled for October 17, 2005.
- 3. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.
 - 4. Mr. Magness has associated South Carolina counsel.
- 5. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of Robert E. Tyson, Jr., Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of William L. Magness to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2004-316-C to be held October 17, 2005, is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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